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1. DEPT AND DOD ARE ENCOURAGED BY PRELIMINARY GNZ RESPONSE
REPORTED REF A AND, IN LIGHT OF HMG REACTION REPORTED REF D

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WISH TO FOLLOW UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN GNZ

CONCURRENCE IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSAL SO THAT APPROACH CAN BE MADE TO GOS. AT SAME TIME, IF GNZ CONCURS, SERVICE-TO-SERVICE TALKS TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENT CAN TAKE PLACE FORTHWITH.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY WELLINGTON, UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, APPROACH GNZ AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY FOLLOWING:

A. AS REQUESTED REF A. USN REPORTS FOLLOWING PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS, SUBJECT TO FORCE LEVEL CHANGES, DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE AND FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

(1) FOR 1975: 117 SHIP DAYS SCHEDULED 1 JANUARY - 1 JULY, OF WHICH 25 SHIP DAYS WILL BE AT MAN OF WAR (MOW) ANCHORAGE, REMAINDER AT THE NAVAL BASIN. FOR 1 JULY - 31 DECEMBER 1975, ADDITIONAL 150 SHIP DAYS, WITH 80 PERCENT SCHEDULED INTO NAVAL BASIN (20 PERCENT AT MOW ANCHORAGE).

(2) FOR CY 1976 - 200-210 SHIP DAYS WITH 80 PERCENT INTO NAVAL BASIN (20 PERCENT AT MOW ANCHORAGE).

(3) FOR CY 1977 - 180-200 SHIP DAYS WITH 80 PERCENT SCHEDULED INTO NAVAL BASIN (20 PERCENT AT MOW ANCHORAGE).

(4) NPW VISITS ARE INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE SHIP DAYS.

(5) MINIMUM FUEL REQUIREMENTS REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED. I.E.,

-- 10,000 TONS (80,000 BBLs) OF JP-5
-- 10,000 TONS (80,000 BBLs) OF DFM
-- AN ADDITIONAL 10,000 TONS OF EITHER JP-5 OR DFM IS DESIRABLE.

ABOVE FUEL WOULD FULFILL PROJECTED ANNUAL USN REQUIREMENTS AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS FUEL WOULD BE TURNED OVER ANNUALLY.

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B. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON PROJECTED AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH NAVAL USE OF SINGAPORE IS REPORTED REFS B AND E. IF FURTHER INFORMATION ON PLANNED BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN USE IS REQUIRED BY GNZ AT THIS POINT, PERHAPS GNZ COULD CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY.

C. OUR UNDERSTANDING AS REPORTED REF G IS THAT ONLY

TWO BRITISH EXPATRIATES ARE PRESENTLY BEING USED IN SENOKO MANAGEMENT, WITH ALL OTHER PERSONNEL LOCAL HIRE. THIS INDICATES THAT NEW ZEALAND MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER THAN GNZ SEEMS TO EXPECT.

D. WE HOPE, IN LIGHT OF RAPID PROCESSING OF BRITISH WITHDRAWAL, THAT WE CAN APPROACH THE BRITISH WITH A SPECIFIC AGREED-UPON PROPOSAL SOONEST. AS THIS WILL

REQUIRE PRIOR GOS CONCURRENC., SUGGEST YOU ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN GNZ APPROVAL OF PROJECT IN PRINCIPLE SOON AS POSSIBLE, STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF TIME FACTOR. IF GNZ IS RECEPTIVE, YOU MIGHT THEN DISCUSS WITH THEM QUESTION OF APPROACHING GOS.

E. MEANWHILE, IF GNZ CONCURS, SERVICE-TO-SERVICE DISCUSSION ON DETAILS OF PROPOSAL COULD BEGIN RIGHT AWAY. WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR INITIAL TALKS, SINCE ALL USG ELEMENTS PRESENT HERE AND GNZ MAINTAINS RELATIVELY LARGE MISSION. HOWEVER, WE ARE PREPARED TO USE OTHER SITES IF GNZ WISHES. FYI: USN IS READY TO BEGIN TALKS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY IF GNZ GIVES GREEN LIGHT. END FYI.

3. FOR CANBERRA: WE APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORT ON PROJECTED AUSTRALIAN NAVAL USE OF SINGAPORE (REF E). AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MIGHT BRING APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF GOA UP TO DATE ON STATUS OF PROPOSAL FOR GNZ MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL FACILITIES IN SINGAPORE. KISSINGER

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